

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL”

WHEREAS, in December of 1952, St. Joseph Hospital opened its doors to the citizens of Augusta and surrounding areas as the first private, Catholic health care facility in the region. This hospital was built through the combined efforts of many persons of varied religious beliefs, who came together to build the “little hospital on the Hill”; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Hospital, to extend the work of Christ through health care services, was visible in the daily quality of care it gave to all persons regardless of their religion, race, or age. Under the administration of native Augustan Sister Mary Louise Hermann, this Hospital became a leader in obstetrics, cardiology, day surgery, and general medicine; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, St. Joseph Hospital was the first hospital to deliver health services directly in the homes through their Home Health Services that not only served Richmond County but all thirteen counties of the Central Savannah River Area; and

WHEREAS, Responding to the need for dignity at the end of life, St. Joseph Hospice Care is known throughout our area for its quality of care for persons at the end of life; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Hospital now passes to Health Management Associates, we recognize and give thanks for their fifty three years and two months of health service delivery to our citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim February 28th, 2006, as “ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to celebrate this day by honoring the rich history that has been added to our city by the exemplary dedication and hard work of St. Joseph Hospital’s administration, staff, and affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 28th day of February, 2006.

Given under my hand
this 28th day of February 2006

Deke Copenhaver
Mayor

